

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2184

March 18, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to establish and implement an Office of Noncustodial Parent Advocacy Pilot Project, but only if there is sufficient interest and funding in at least one local government from each grand division. The office will assist unwed, noncustodial parents in obtaining visitation rights to see their children. The funding for each office must come from local governments if they wish to establish such an office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$214,800/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the AOC, each office will consist of one attorney to assist parents in obtaining visitation rights. The AOC assumes the starting salary of each attorney will be \$53,208.
- It is assumed that an office will be created in each grand division.
- The proposed legislation will result in a permissive increase in local expenditures equal to \$71,601.13 [$\$53,208 + (\$53,208 \times .1503) \text{ benefits} + (\$53,208 \times .0765) \text{ FICA} + \$6,325.56 \text{ insurance}$]. The total for three attorneys is \$214,803.39 ($\$71,601.13 \times 3$ attorneys).
- According to the AOC, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the State.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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